

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

**Abstract****~~Secure Card Reader~~**

A secure card reader (1) includes several security measures. Access to the reader's main circuitry is prevented by an enclosed (9) whose walls contain embedded conductive paths (~~18a, 18b, and 18c~~). Breaking or grounding of one of these paths can be detected electronically. A similar arrangement of conductive paths prevent enlarging of a card received slot (9c). If tampering is detected using the embedded conductive paths (~~18a, 18b, 18c~~), the reader's memory (69) is wiped. The enclosure (9) has apertures (20) in its walls and is held in place by a potting material that extends into the apertures. ~~Means (31, 25)~~ A method is also provided to detect attempts to probe behind a keypad membrane (7). The contacts (42) for the chip of a chip card are arranged so that their leads all extend away from the card insertion slot.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 with the following:

**~~Description~~ Field of the Invention**

Please add a paragraph before the paragraph on page 1, at line 7, as follows:

**Background**

Please add a paragraph before the paragraph on page 1, at line 15, as follows:

**Summary**

Please add a paragraph before the paragraph on page 4, at line 9, as follows:

**Brief Description of the Drawings**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 11, as follows:

Figure 1 is a front view of a card reader module according to one embodiment of the present invention;

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Please add a paragraph before the paragraph on page 4, at line 31, as follows:

**Detailed Description**